The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Corrective Action Section, Boston, Massachusetts is hereby providing public notice of its proposed determination that an Environmental Land Use Restriction (ELUR) is necessary at the Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation property, located in Warwick, Rhode Island (Ciba-Warwick).

The Ciba-Warwick property, is a portion of the former Ciba-Geigy facility of Cranston, RI. The property once contained a cafeteria, maintenance shop, vehicle parking area and a storage area for drums of hazardous materials and other materials used at the facility. All buildings have been demolished and all that remains is the parking area.

EPA issued an Administrative Order on Consent (Order) under Section 3008(h) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to the former Ciba-Geigy Corporation (Ciba) in June, 1989. The Order required Ciba to conduct a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) to investigate potential releases of contaminants. The Facility conducted and completed the RFI in 1995. As a result of the RFI, Ciba conducted a soil removal program in 1995 and 1996. Based on a proposed property transfer and re-use plan, Ciba has requested that EPA make a remedy decision on this property to facilitate the transfer and re-use of this property.

EPA has reviewed Ciba's investigations and soil remediation program, and using all available information, has made a preliminary determination that an ELUR is appropriate. Ciba is concurrently in the process of satisfying RI DEM requirements.

The purpose of this public notice is to provide for a thirty (30) day period, May 14, 2002 through June 13, 2002, for the public to comment on this EPA proposal. The basis for EPA's proposal along with other pertinent documents can be found at the locations listed below. Comments should be submitted in writing. In addition, a public hearing may be held if there is sufficient public interest. Written comments and questions concerning this proposal, or a request for a public hearing, may be directed to:

Frank Battaglia EPA Office of Site Remediation and Restoration - HBT One Congress Street Boston, Massachusetts 02114 617/918-1362

The Administrative Record, which is made up of all documents pertinent to this proposal, is currently available for public review at the following locations and times:

EPA Records Center One Congress Street Boston, Massachusetts 02114 (617) 918-1420

Warwick Public Library Research Department 600 Shady Lane Warwick, Rhode Island 02889 (401) 739-5440

Margaret Dein Bradley RI DEM Office of Waste Management 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908 (401) 222-2797 Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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